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**THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--31 DECEMBER 1963****1. CYPRUS:**

**A. A BUFFER ZONE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN NICOSIA WHICH THE BRITISH ARE PATROLLING.**

**B. THIS HAS EASED TENSIONS SOMEWHAT WHILE AN EXCHANGE OF HOSTAGES AND OTHER OF SANDY'S PROPOSALS ARE BEING WORKED OUT.**

**C. TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRIOT FORCES STILL WILL NOT JOIN IN A JOINT PEACEKEEPING EFFORT.**

**D. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO RECEIVE HYSTERICAL APPEALS FROM TURKISH CYPRIOTS AND PUBLIC PRESSURE IN TURKEY FOR SOMETHING TO BE DONE IS BUILDING UP FAST. THE TURKISH MILITARY CONTINUE TO PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.**

**E. WE HAVE NOTED NO SIMILAR GREEK MOVES. OUR ARMY ATTACHE IN ATHENS WAS, HOWEVER, CALLED IN FOR A BRIEFING YESTERDAY BY THE GREEK DEFENSE MINISTER ON THE "DANGEROUS SITUATION."**

**F. THE ATTACHE GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE BRIEFING WAS ANOTHER PLEA FOR NATO INTERVENTION AND NOT A WARNING OF IMPENDING GREEK MILITARY INTERVENTION.**

**G. TURKISH CYPRIOTS ARE TALKING PARTITION AGAIN AS THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION. VICE PRESIDENT KUTCHUK TOLD NEWSMEN YESTERDAY THERE WAS NOW NO POSSIBILITY OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES LIVING TOGETHER ON THE ISLAND. "THE CONSTITUTION," HE SAID, "IS DEAD."**

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H. MAKARIOS HAS RESPONDED THAT ANYTHING LESS THAN CO-EXISTENCE WOULD BE "DISASTROUS."

2. ERHARD TALKS:

A. WEST GERMAN PAPERS OF ALL TENDENCIES ARE EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH THE RESULTS OF ERHARD'S TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT.

B. STRESS WAS ON THE CEMENTING OF PERSONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION IN EASING EAST-WEST TENSIONS.

C. REAFFIRMATION OF US INTENTION TO MAINTAIN TROOP STRENGTH IN GERMANY WAS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION IN EDITORIALS, BUT WITHOUT MUCH COMMENT.

3. JAPAN - NATIONALIST CHINA:

A. THE CHINESE NATIONALISTS ARE MUTTERING DARKLY OF A BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH JAPAN OVER TOKYO'S DECISION TO RETURN A VACILLATING DEFECTOR TO THE MAINLAND.

B. WE DOUBT THEY WILL GO THIS FAR, BUT THEIR AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO HAS "RESIGNED" AND TAIPEI HAS WITHDRAWN THE NEXT FOUR RANKING MEMBERS OF ITS MISSION THERE.

C. VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS ARE EXPECTED IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO IN TAIPEI.

4. BERLIN:

A. WEST BERLIN'S DEPUTY MAYOR ALBERTZ TOLD THE PRESS YESTERDAY HIS NEGOTIATORS WOULD MEET SHORTLY WITH COMMUNIST OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS FURTHER, MORE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS

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FOR WEST BERLINERS TO VISIT IN THE EASTERN SECTOR.

B. ERHARD, IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON HIS RETURN TO BONN, APPARENTLY DID NOT OPPOSE, IN PRINCIPLE, ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXPANDED CONTACTS WITH EAST BERLIN AND EAST GERMANY.

C. HE DID, HOWEVER, WARN AGAINST "COMPLICATIONS" IF WEST BERLIN CITY OFFICIALS ATTEMPTED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NEGOTIATING SUCH ARRANGEMENTS.

5. NOTES:

A. CAMBODIA: BROADCASTS PURPORTING TO BE THE "VOICES" OF NEUTRALIST AND NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND THAILAND HAVE BEGUN TO APPEAR. THEY COULD ORIGINATE WITH THE VIET CONG, BUT THEIR CONTENT AND OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGEST THAT SIHANOUK IS RESPONSIBLE.

B. FRANCE - LATIN AMERICA: "INFORMED" FRENCH OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD THE PRESS THAT DE GAULLE WILL BE VISITING LATIN AMERICA TWICE IN 1964. IN MARCH HE IS GOING TO MEXICO, THE FRENCH WEST INDIES ISLANDS AND POSSIBLY SOME CENTRAL AMERICAN CAPITALS. HE GOES TO ARGENTINA, PERU AND PROBABLY SOME OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN CAPITALS IN SEPTEMBER.

C. MOROCCO - COMMUNIST CHINA: KING HASAN HAS ACCEPTED CHOU EN-LAI'S INVITATION TO VISIT PEIPING. NASIR AND BEN BELLA HAD ALREADY ACCEPTED SIMILAR INVITATIONS.

D. USSR-INDIA: A SHIPMENT OF SOVIET SAM EQUIPMENT

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